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SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S LETTER TO MINISTER YAMANI

1. CHARGE GAVE SECRETARY SIMON'S LETTER OF JULY 28 TO PETROLEUM MINISTER YAMANI MONDAY AUGUST 11 SHORTLY BEFORE YAMANI WAS TO LEAVE FOR DAMASCUS (ON A TWO-DAY TRIP WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD). YAMANI SAID SAG'S POSITION HAD ALWAYS BEEN A MODERATE RESPONSIBLE ONE WITH REGARD TO OIL PRICES, AND HE ASSUMED THE USG WAS MAKING A PARALLEL EFFORT WITH THE SHAH.

2. YAMANI THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WERE TO WRITE A LETTER TO PRINCE FAHD, ASKING THE PRINCE TO USE HIS GREAT INFLUENCE ON BEHALF OF A RESPONSIBLE OPEC POLICY ON OIL PRICES. YAMANI BELIEVED THE SUBJECT WAS REGARDED BY PRINCE FAHD TO BE MOST IMPORTANT, AND HE MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH AN APPROACH.

3. COMMENT: SINCE KING FAISAL'S DEATH, PRINCE FAHD HAS BEEN USING YAMANI FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL AND SENSITIVE JOBS; YAMANI THEREFORE SHOULD BE AS FAMILIAR WITH THE PRINCE'S DISPOSITION ON OIL MATTERS AS WITH THE TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF OIL PER SE. HIS SUGGESTION SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD ONE; AND WE RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT ACT ON IT. ANOTHER REASONS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER TO SEND SUCH A LETTER IS FRANKLY THAT IT SEEMS TO US SUCH AN APPEAL SHOULD BETTER BE ADDRESSED TO THE SAG FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.

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